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PROCEEDINGS.

JUNE 1889.

THE nineteenth meeting of the Society was held at the Yale Theological School in New Haven, June 12 and 13, 1889.

The first session opened at 11 A. M. on Wednesday the 12th, with the President, Prof. F. Gardiner in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the following programme:

Wednesday,	11 A.M. to 1 P.M.,	Papers and notes;
	1 P.M. to 3 P.M.,	Recess;
	3 P.M. to 6 P.M.,	Business;
Thursday,	9 A.M. to 1 P.M.,	Papers and notes.

Notice was given that luncheon would be served in the room where the meeting was held, and that in the evening the members of the Society would be received by President Dwight. The report was adopted, and a vote of thanks tendered President Dwight for his invitation.

The first paper, on "Matthew's Gospel," was read by Prof. F. Gardiner, and discussed by Prof. Schaff, who was requested to put his remarks on the relation of the ΔΙΔΑΧΗ to this Gospel into the shape of a note for the *Journal*. Further remarks were made by Drs. Harman, F. Brown, Andrews, and Bissell.

Prof. Bissell criticised a number of passages in the translation of Genesis by Kautzsch and Socin, on which he had intended to write a note. Mr. Bacon added that Prof. Kuenen had made some similar criticisms in a private letter.

Prof. Mitchell read a note on Wickes's "Prose Accents."

Prof. Zenos read one on a new harmony of the gospels, called "Gospel Difficulties," by J. J. Halcombe, which was discussed by Drs. Andrews, Schaff, Harman, and F. Gardiner.

Prof. F. Brown read a note on the Date of Isaiah xii. It was discussed by Messrs Bissell, Cobb, and Harman.

A recess of two hours was then taken.

When the Society re-assembled at 3 o'clock, the Secretary reported from the Council, the following list of names for membership: —

Rev. T. C. Pease,	Malden, Mass.
Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ph.D.,	New Haven, Conn.
Rev. G. S. Duncan, M.A.,	Mooredale, Penn.
Prof. T. G. Darling, D.D.,	Auburn, N. Y.

The persons thus nominated were elected members of the Society.

It was voted that the President appoint a committee of three persons to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. W. R. Harper, C. R. Brown, and Gould were named; but since the first two could not serve, Messrs Dickerman and Micou were put into their places.

Prof. F. Gardiner made a statement with reference to the changes in the organization of the Society which were thought desirable. An informal discusssion followed, which was interrupted by the report of the Treasurer, which was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Drs. Harman and Beckwith.

The proposed amendments to the constitution were then read, but the discussion of them was cut short by a motion to refer the whole subject to a committee of five, who should report at the next session, which was carried.

Prof. F. Brown then read the second paper of the meeting, on "The Measurements of Hebrew Poetry as an Aid to Literary Analysis." At the close of this paper, the auditing committee reported as follows:

We the undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the accounts of Prof. Willis J. Beecher, Treasurer of the Society, hereby certify that we have performed the duty assigned us, and find his report to be correct.

(Signed) H. M. HARMAN.
J. T. BECKWITH.

The report of the Treasurer was then adopted. (See below, p. vii.)

Then followed the discussion of Prof. Brown's paper, in which part was taken by Messrs. Bissell, Beecher, Harman, Andrews, Bacon, Zenos, and Harper; also by Mr. Weyler, a visitor, who asked permission to speak. At the close of the discussion, Prof. Brown replied to some of the criticisms.

Prof. Harman next read a paper on "The Character and Value of the Coptic Versions of the New Testament." Before the close of this second session, the President nominated the Committee on Changes in the Constitution, viz. Profs. F. Brown and Day, Mr. Cobb, and Prof. Beecher. On motion, the President himself was made chairman of the committee.

The third session commenced at 9 o'clock A.M.

The report of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution was read by Prof. F. Brown.

On motion, the Society approved the changes made in general, and proceeded to examine them in detail. Several amendments to the report were offered and adopted, and finally the report as a whole was likewise adopted. (See below, p. xvi.) The following resolution was also passed:

Resolved: That the Council be requested to have the amendments and the action taken thereon put into complete form, printed, and sent to all the members before the next regular meeting.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following list of officers: —

Prof. Frederic Gardiner, *President.*
Prof. Francis Brown, *Vice President.*
Prof. Charles Rufus Brown, *Recording Secretary.*
Prof. W. J. Beecher, *Treasurer.*
Prof. D. R. Goodwin, (*ex-off.*)
Prof. G. E. Day,
Prof. W. H. Ward,
Prof. E. Y. Hincks,
Prof. D. G. Lyon,
Rev. P. A. Nordell,
} *Associates in Council.*

The report was adopted, and the persons nominated were elected.

A recess of ten minutes was taken to allow the Council to decide upon a place for the next meeting.

The session was then resumed, and Dr. Andrews read a paper on "Some Intrinsic Proofs of the Divine Origin of the Mosaic Ritual." The Secretary reported for the Council that the next meeting would be held in Boston during the holidays. The discussion of Dr. Andrews's paper followed. Drs. Beecher, Bissell, and Dickerman took part in it.

A fifth paper was read by Mr. Gould, on "The Literary Character of the Fourth Gospel," and it was discussed by Drs. Zenos, F. Gardiner, and Andrews.

Prof. Mitchell then presented a paper on various "Hebrew Particles," a continuation of the concordance part of which was published in the last *Journal.*

The Society then adjourned. There were present at one or more sessions of the Society: Messrs. Andrews, Bacon, Beckwith, Beecher, Bissell, C. R. Brown, F. Brown, Cobb, Day, Dickerman, Duncan, Dwight, Ferguson, F. Gardiner, Goodspeed, Gould, Hall, Harman, Harper, Harwood, Hazen, Micou, Mitchell, Nordell, Sanders, Schaff, Trumbull, A. M. Wilson, W. B. Wright, and Zenos.

H. G. MITCHELL,
Secretary.

DECEMBER 1889.

The twentieth meeting of the Society was held in Boston at the School of Theology of Boston University, 72 Mt. Vernon St., December 26 and 27, 1889.

The first session opened at 7.45 P.M. on Thursday the 26th. The President having been removed by death since the last meeting, and the Vice-President being absent, Dr. J. H. Thayer was appointed to act as President, and took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Society directed that a minute in memory of Dr. Frederic Gardiner, who died July 17, 1889, be prepared and inserted in the record, and the Chairman appointed Professors Mitchell, Briggs, and Stevens a committee for this purpose. Professor Beecher afterwards came in, and was added to the committee.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the following programme, which was adopted:

Thursday,	7.30 P.M. to 9.30 P.M.,	Papers and notes.
Friday,	9.30 A.M. to 1 P.M.,	Business, papers, and notes.
Friday,	2.30 P.M. to 5 P.M.,	Papers and notes.

The first paper, on "Babylonian Cosmogonic Myths, compared with the Accounts of Creation in Genesis," was read by Professor Lyon, and discussed by Professors Briggs, Burnham, G. F. Moore, and Streibert.

Mr. Haley read the second paper, on "Purgation versus Purgatory," which was discussed by Professors Briggs, Stevens, Burnham, and Thayer.

The Society assembled for the second session on Friday at 9.30 A.M. The Council nominated the following gentlemen as members of the Society:

Rev. David R. Breed, D.D.,	Chicago.
Right Rev. W. C. Doane, D.D.,	Albany.
Rev. J. A. Faulkner, M.A.,	Minooka, Penn.
Rev. George W. Gilmore,	New York.
Rev. Wm. Elliot Griffis, D.D.,	Boston.
Prof. Fleming James, D.D.,	Philadelphia.

These gentlemen were elected.

The third paper of this meeting was "An Exegesis of Isaiah vii. 10–17," read by Prof. C. R. Brown, which was discussed by Professors Briggs, Beecher, Burnham, and Moore.

The fourth and fifth papers were then read by Prof. G. F. Moore, on "Tatian's Diatessaron and the Analysis of the Pentateuch," and Prof. Briggs, on "The Analysis of the Account of the Plagues of Egypt." At the close of Dr. Briggs's paper, remarks were made by Messrs. Beecher, Cobb, Haley, Griffis, and Thayer. A recess of an hour and a half was then taken.

The Society re-assembled at 2.30 P.M.

In the absence of their authors, papers were read by the Corresponding Secretary, on the following subjects:

An Important MS of the New Testament, by Prof. J. R. Harris.

The Locality of Pseudo-Barnabas, by Prof. J. R. Harris.

A note on Lightfoot's Ignatius, by Prof. J. R. Harris.

New Testament Terms descriptive of the Great Change, by Prof B. B. Warfield.

The Biblical Demonology, by Prof. C. H. Toy.

The Vocabulary of the Synoptic Gospels, by Rev. Edwin W. Rice.

Prof. Toy's paper was discussed by Messrs. Cobb, Burnham, Stevens, and Ferguson.

An abstract only was given of the following papers:

Workman's "Conspectus of the Variations" between the Hebrew and Greek Jeremiah, by Prof. H. B. Smith.

The "Ascension of Isaiah," by Prof. G. H. Schodde.

Sheol in the Old Testament, by Prof. Ira M. Price.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in memory of Dr. Gardiner presented their report through the Chairman, Dr. Mitchell. After remarks by Drs. Briggs and Thayer, the Society voted that the report be entered upon the record, printed in the *Journal*, and that a copy of their action be sent to the family of Dr. Gardiner. The minute follows:

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death, on the 17th of July last, of our friend and President, Professor Frederic Gardiner, D.D.

Professor Gardiner was one of the original members of the Society. In fact, it was he who first suggested it, and who was chiefly instrumental in bringing together, June 4, 1880, in New York, the gentlemen who completed the organization. He was an officer of the Society seven of the nine years during which he was connected with it. He was its first Secretary, and his tireless devotion to it largely explains its growth in numbers and interest during those early years. When, in 1883, he was obliged by ill health to retire from this office, he remained one of the most influential promoters of the cause which the Society was intended to serve.

In 1885, he again became a member of the Council; and in 1887, upon the retirement of Professor Goodwin, he was with one accord chosen to the presidency. He had just been re-elected to that office when he was so suddenly and mysteriously taken from us.

Professor Gardiner was not merely a faithful and efficient officer; he was a constant and able contributor to the *Journal*. He read a paper at the first meeting of the Society, and so long as he lived he held himself in readiness to open the treasures of his abundant knowledge for our benefit; and this, although he was almost constantly employed upon the larger works which have given him his reputation as a scholar. His last paper was read at the last meeting which he was permitted to attend.

Our tribute to Professor Gardiner would be incomplete, however, if, in our gratitude for his labors for the Society and our admiration for his scholarship, we forgot the rare personal qualities which endeared him to all who knew him. He was the soul of candor and courtesy, in the chair and in the midst of debate, as well as in the more intimate relations to which some of us were admitted; one whose every act seemed seasoned by the grace of our common Saviour. While, there-

fore, as a Society, we lament his loss to biblical science, we personally and individually mourn him as a Christian friend.

After an informal discussion of topics connected with the future policy of the Society, the latter adjourned.

There were present at one or more sessions of this meeting: Messrs. Beecher, Briggs, C. R. Brown, Burnham, Burton, Chase, Cobb, Craig, Dodge, Ferguson, Griffis, Haley, Hincks, Lyon, Mitchell, E. C. Moore, G. F. Moore, Nordell, Stearns, Stevens, Streibert, J. P. Taylor, Thayer, A. A. Wright, and G. F. Wright.

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Balance on hand, per last report,		$210 13
Entrance Fees,	$70 00	
Annual Dues,	375 70	
Interest on Deposits,	7 24	
Received for Journals,	39 00	
		$491 94
		$702 07
Disbursements:		
Journal of Dec. 1887,		$201 40
Salary of Secretary, 1888,	$25 00	
Salary of Treasurer, 1888,	25 00	
		$50 00
Treasurer's Expenses for Postage, Printing, Express, and Collections,		8 00
Balance in Bank,		442 67
		$702 07

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(As amended June 13, 1889.)

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I.

THIS association shall be called "The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis."

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The object of the Society shall be to stimulate the critical study of the Scriptures by presenting, discussing, and publishing original papers on Biblical topics.

III.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, with five others, shall be united in a Council. These shall be elected annually by the Society, with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected annually by the Council. Additional members of the Council shall be all ex-Presidents of the Society, and the Presidents of the Sections hereinafter provided for. There shall be also a Publishing Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two others, who shall be annually chosen by the Council.

IV.

Members shall be elected by the Society upon the recommendation of the Council. They may be of two classes, active and honorary. Honorary members shall belong to other nationalities than that of the United States of America, and shall be especially distinguished for their attainments as Biblical scholars. The number of honorary members chosen at the first election shall be not more than ten ; in any succeeding year not more than two.

V.

The Society shall meet at least once a year, at such time and place as the Council may determine. On the first day of the annual meeting the President, or some other member appointed by the Council for the purpose, shall deliver an address to the Society.

VI.

Sections, consisting of all the members of the Society residing in a particular locality, may be organized, with the consent of the Council, for the object stated in Article II., provided that the number of members composing any Section shall be not less than twelve. Each Section shall annually choose for itself a President, whose duty it shall be to preside over its meetings, and to take care that such papers and notes read before it as the Section may judge to be of sufficient value are transmitted promptly to the corresponding Secretary of the Society. The Sections shall meet as often as they may severally determine, provided that their meetings do not interfere with the meetings of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

I.

It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all the meetings of the Society; but, in the absence of both of these officers, the Society may choose a presiding officer from the members present.

II.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to notify the members, at least two weeks in advance, of each meeting, transmitting to them at the same time the list of papers to be presented at the meeting; to keep a record of the proceedings of such meetings; to preserve an accurate roll of the members, to make an annual report of the condition of the Society; to distribute its publications, and to do such other like things as the Council may request.

III.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, and, in particular, to use his best efforts for the securing of suitable papers and notes to be presented to the Society at each meeting; to prepare a list of such papers, and, at least three weeks before the meeting, to place it in the hands of the Recording Secretary for transmission to the members; to receive all papers and notes that shall have been presented, and lay them before the Publishing Committee.

IV.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all the funds of the Society, and to invest or disburse them under the direction of the Council, rendering an account of all his transactions to the Society at each annual meeting.

V.

It shall be the duty of the Council to propose candidates for membership of the Society; to elect the Corresponding Secretary and the additional members of the Publishing Committee; to fix the times and places for meetings, and generally to supervise the interests of the Society.

VI.

It shall be the duty of the Publishing Committee to publish the proceedings of the Society, and also to select, edit, and publish, as far as the funds of the Society will justify, such papers and notes, from among those laid before them, as shall in their judgment be fitted to promote Biblical science.

VII.

The fee for admission into the Society shall be five dollars, besides which each member shall annually pay a tax of three dollars; but libraries may become members without the fee for admission, from which, also, members permanently residing abroad shall be exempt. The donation at one time, by a single person, of fifty dollars shall exempt the donor from all further payments, and no payments shall be required of honorary members.

VIII.

Each member shall be entitled to receive, without additional charge, one copy of each publication of the Society after his election; in addition to which, if he be a contributor to the *Journal*, he shall receive twenty-five copies of any article or articles which he may have contributed.

IX.

Five members of the Council, of whom not less than three shall have been elected directly by the Society, shall constitute a quorum thereof. Twelve members of the Society shall constitute a quorum thereof for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may continue in session for the purpose of hearing and discussing papers presented.

The following resolution, supplementary to the By-Laws, with reference to the price at which members may procure extra copies of the *Journal*, was adopted June 13th, 1884:

Resolved: That the Secretary be authorized to furnish to members, *for the purpose of presentation*, additional copies of any volume of the *Journal*, to the number of ten, at the rate of $1 a copy, but that the price to persons not members be the amount of the annual assessment.

PROCEEDINGS.

MAY 1890.

THE Society met in the Sage Library of the Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J., on Wednesday, May 28, 1890, at 3 o'clock P.M., with the Vice-President, Prof. Francis Brown, in the chair. Prof. Moore was appointed Secretary *pro tempore.*

The hours of Session were fixed as follows:

Wednesday afternoon, 3 to 6; evening, 7.30 to 10.
Thursday morning, 9.

The election of officers, and transaction of other business was made the first order for the evening session.

Papers were read by Prof. DeWitt, on Psalm cxli. 5, 6; and Psalm xxxvi. 2, 3; and by Mr. Benjamin W. Bacon on J E in the Middle Books of the Hexateuch: Analysis of Exodus vii.–xii.

Brief remarks were made on the former paper by Prof. Briggs and others; on the latter by Messrs. Briggs, Brown, and Moore.

At 6 o'clock the Society took a recess until 7.30.

Wednesday evening, 7.30. — On the nomination of the Council, the Rev. Edwin Knox Mitchell, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Mr. Edward Herrick Chandler, of Boston, Mass., were elected members of the Society.

Messrs Day and Ferguson were appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Prof. Goodwin, a member of the Council and former President of the Society, who died March 15, 1890; the minute to be recorded and printed in the Proceedings of the Society.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. Ferguson and Bacon.

The annual report of the Recording Secretary was presented and accepted.

The following officers were elected for the next year, 1890–91 :

Prof. Charles A. Briggs, *President.*
Prof. Henry Ferguson, *Vice-President.*
Rev. William H. Cobb, *Recording Secretary.*
Prof. Willis J. Beecher, *Treasurer.*
Prof. George E. Day,
Dr. Wiliam Hayes Ward,
Prof. Francis Brown,
Prof. Edwin C. Bissell,
Prof. William R. Harper,
} *Associates in Council.*

The Council reported that they had elected Prof. George F. Moore Corresponding Secretary, and Prof. J. Henry Thayer and Rev. William H. Cobb additional members of the Publishing Committee for the next year. They also reported, that steps had been taken toward the formation of three sections, as contemplated in Article VI. of the Constitution.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Statement reported that they had performed that duty, and found the accounts and vouchers correct.

Papers were read on the following subjects :

Isaiah's "Ocean Symphony," Isa. xvii. 12–14, by Mr. Cobb.

The Greek Text of the Book of Judges, by Prof. Moore.

Conjectures on Isaiah lii. 14, 15 ; and liii. 3, by Prof. Moore.

Remarks were made on these papers by Messrs. Day, DeWitt, Beecher, Brown and others.

Adjourned to Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday, May 29. — The Society met at 9 o'clock ; Prof. Day in the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read a paper by Prof. D. G. Lyon : The Bearing of the Cuneiform Tablets found at Tell el-Amarna on early conditions in Canaan.

Mr. J. F. Riggs read notes on the word "goodness" in Exodus xxxiii. 19 ; the word "now" in Matt. iii. 15 ; the phrase "the sign of the prophet Jonas" in Matt. xii. 39. In the discussion which followed Messrs. Beecher, DeWitt, and Duncan took part.

Mr. G. W. Gilmore read a paper on Ἕως in Hellenistic Greek ; also a note on John ii. 5. Remarks on the subjects of these papers were made by Messrs. Riggs, Moore, and others.

Prof. Moore read a paper on the Caper plant and its Products, with special reference to Dr. Todd's article in the Journal, VI. 2.

Papers were also laid before the Society by Prof. J. Rendel Harris on the Legend of the Finding of the Holy Cross, from a Sinai MS of the eighth century; and by Prof. T. K. Abbott, of Trinity College, Dublin (presented by Prof. Harris), on The supposed Sacrificial Sense of ποιεῖν in the New Testament.

At 12.30 the Society adjourned.

The following members were present at the meeting:

Messrs. Bacon, Beecher, Briggs, F. Brown, Cobb, Day, DeWitt, Duncan, Ferguson, Gilmore, Harris, G. F. Moore, J. F. Riggs, and Ward.

G. F. MOORE,
Secretary pro tem.

Minute on the death of Rev. D. R. Goodwin, D.D., LL.D.

The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis desires to record with profound sorrow the death of their first president and valued friend, the Rev. Daniel Rayner Goodwin, D.D., LL.D., on March 16th, 1890.

Dr. Goodwin had been connected with the Society from its earliest beginnings, and was chosen President at the meeting of organization, June 4th, 1880, and re-elected to the office each year, until, in 1887, increasing age and physical infirmities compelled him to retire.

Besides performing the duties of his office with efficiency and urbanity, he was a frequent contributor to the Journal of the Society, and his contributions were always highly prized. His quick mind and keen, logical perceptions made him an acute critic, whose work was always incisive, bright, and interesting; while the extent and accuracy of his scholarship gave lasting value to his work.

In making this record, the Society desire to express their sense of the loss that they, in common with all students of the Holy Scriptures, have sustained in the death of Doctor Goodwin, and to express their sincere sympathy with his family in their bereavement.

Prof. George E. Day, D.D.,
Prof. Henry Ferguson,
Committee.

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, June 7, 1889 to May 28, 1890.

Receipts:

Balance on hand, per last Report,		$442 67
Initiations paid,	$40 00	
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	$1090 15

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